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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor(s): Jian Fan **Confirmation No.:** 9516
Serial No.: 10/044,558 **Examiner:** Brian Q. Le
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Title: TEXT EXTRACTION AND ITS APPLICATION TO COMPOUND
DOCUMENT IMAGE COMPRESSION

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING RCE FILING

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 20, 2006, kindly amend the
application identified above as follows.